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### **PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS**

#### **KEENE MAN SENTENCED FOR HEROIN, COCAINE AND GUN POSSESSION**

United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and Chesterfield Police Department Chief Lester C. Fairbanks today announced that William Lancaster, age 37, of Keene, NH, was sentenced to a ninety-six (96) month term of imprisonment followed by a three (3) year period of supervised release for possessing two and one-half ounces of heroin, five ounces of cocaine and a .380 caliber Hi-Point handgun on January 25, 2005.

The prosecution was the result of a vehicle stop conducted by a member of the Chesterfield, New Hampshire, Police Department. On January 25, 2005, a Chesterfield Police officer was on patrol on Route 9 when he observed a vehicle being operated by William Lancaster traveling at a high rate of speed. Upon pulling the vehicle over, the officer discovered that Lancaster had been operating the vehicle with a suspended license. Lancaster was taken into custody and a search of his vehicle disclosed the existence of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) in United States currency, two and one-half ounces of heroin, five ounces of cocaine, and a .380 caliber Hi-Point handgun.

The case was prosecuted as part of the Department of Justice's Project Safe Neighborhoods program. PSN targets those individuals engaged in the illegal possession of firearms for prosecution.

The case was investigated by the Chesterfield, New Hampshire, Police Department, and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Terry L. Ollila.